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SUBJECT: AHRAM BANNERS NEW US-ISRAELI ARMS DEAL

1. AL-AHRAM DECEMBER 10 BANNER HEADLINES "NEW 3 BILLION DOLLAR AMERICAN ARMS DEAL WITH ISRAEL." THE NEWSPAPER, QUOTING "OFFICIAL SOURCES" IN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV, CLAIMS AMERICA HAS PROMISED DAYAN MORE THAN HE ASKED FOR, INCLUDING ULTRA-MODERN WEAPONS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

2. THE LEAD STORY CONSISTS OF QUOTATIONS FROM AN ARTICLE BY THE SUNDAY TIMES CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING DAYAN'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS, TOGETHER WITH AN AFP DISPATCH FROM ISRAEL WHICH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL CIRCLES IN TEL AVIV" CONFIRM DAYAN GOT WHAT HE ASKED FOR, AND PROBABLY MORE.

3. BOTH GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR HAVE THE SAME STORY, BUT

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YET NO EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT.

4. COMMENT: UNEVENNESS OF COVERAGE--AHRAM GIVING ARTICLE LEAD PROMINENCE WHILE OTHER PAPERS RELAEGATING IT TO LESS IMPORTANT POSITION--SUGGESTS A PERSONAL ATTEMPT BY HEYKAL TO RAISE PRESSURE ON SECRETARY IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

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